

Information Technology A-76 Initiative April Status Update

As we move closer to the targeted Information Technology A-76 Study award date of June 2005, the core study team will be providing you with monthly updates to keep you abreast of the activities surrounding this phase of the study. We encourage an open dialogue stemming from these updates and all information that can be provided will be. Please distribute this message and all future correspondence to colleagues in your office who are in any way affected by or are a part of the study.

Milestone Overview:

Request for Proposal Released: August 2004 **ACHIEVED**

Solicitation Closed/Bids received: November 2004 **ACHIEVED**

Technical & Cost Evaluation Period: November 2004 thru May 2005 (tentative) **ON-GOING**

Target Award Date: June 2005 **PLANNED**

Activities:

Source Selection Advisory Council: A source selection advisory council, composed primarily of deputy assistant secretaries, has been chartered and staffed to review the findings of the technical and cost evaluation teams. This council will convene upon the completion of the evaluation phase and make a recommendation for award to the source selection official (the CIO).

Human Resources: In our ongoing effort to communicate with the diverse stakeholder communities across the Department, a joint meeting was held in January with the IT A-76 points-of-contact and their respective program's HR colleagues. This session was held to inform the HR community of the ongoing activities of this study.

The CIO held meetings with those Assistant Secretaries that may be impacted more significantly (on a relative basis) by the outcome of the study. These meetings included a discussion of the commercial functions included in the study from their office and outlined goals to fine tune the inherently governmental IT workforce. We plan on holding similar meetings with the offices' IT points of contact and resource managers during the months of April and May to discuss the effects in more detail.

Procurement: While the core IT A-76 team's interaction with HQ Procurement is constant, we have been recently, and will continue, reaching out to the broader procurement community. As many of you know, the Office of Procurement in conjunction with NNSA distributed a memorandum regarding Department-wide IT Contracting Activities. This memorandum requested information on all current IT and IT support service contracts across the Department. The information received in response to this memorandum will be the basis for all future activities for this study with the procurement community. We will work in conjunction with the IT points-of-contact and the procurement community in developing a contract transition strategy in anticipation of the performance decision.

In addition, the core team will be communicating with the Department-wide procurement community at their April monthly meeting. The discussion will center on both A-76 related issues and general IT policies and strategies currently in development.

OCIO Reorganization: The Office of the Chief Information Officer is reviewing its current roles and responsibilities and aiming to reorganize into the most efficient and effective framework for operating in the post-IT A-76 environment. These activities are in part related to the development of the IT A-76 residual organization.

Residual Organization: There are a myriad of challenges in developing the residual organization, which will oversee the service provider. Efforts have begun in earnest to address these challenges and develop the best RO. As you may know, the RO functions will not solely lie within the OCIO, but will be decentralized in all or many of the offices and sites across the Department. As the development progresses, the organizationally-diverse team that has been assembled to develop the RO will be seeking your advice. Grant Thornton LLP will be providing overall project management and analytical support for all planning activities through the performance decision and transition planning phases.

****A special THANK YOU goes out to Mr. Jeff Vaughn for all his support on the IT A-76 initiative. His effort has been tireless and his contribution PRICELESS! We wish him the best in his retirement!****

Should you have any questions related to these activities, or if you are not longer the correct POC for your organization please contact me at once.

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